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Subject: Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Program (BaRSAA)/HB 473 Fuel Tax Allocation

MDT is pleased to notify you of your new fuel tax allocation provided by the 2017 legislature thru the Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Act (BaRSAA) Program (House Bill 473). The new user fee was effective on July 1, 2017.

As provided for in MCA 15-70-130, by March 1 of each year the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) must allocate BaRSAA funds to each city, town, county and consolidated city-county government in Montana. BaRSAA program funds are in addition to the existing fuel tax distributions provided for in MCA 15-70-101 and 7-14-102(2).

BaRSAA funds are allocated in the same proportion and using the same ratios provided for in MCA 15-70-101(2)(b), (2)(c), and (3). Allocations are calculated based upon the statutory formula. Road mileage reflects each city and county's locally certified mileage received by MDT this past year and the population estimates are based on the 2019 US Census Bureau's population estimates. The allocation available for your local government to request beginning March 1 is summarized below:

Local Government	2021 BaRSAA Allocation
Yellowstone County	\$361,912.64

Beginning March 1, 2021, local governments may request distribution of their 2021 BaRSAA allocation from MDT. Local governments must match each \$20 requested for distribution with at least \$1 of local government budgeted matching funds. Reservation requests can be made between September 1st and November 1st. Per MCA 15-70-130, an adopted resolution is required for distribution and reservation of funds; resolution templates are available on the League of Cities and Towns' and Montana Association of Counties' websites. Distribution and reservation requests must then be made using the WebGrants online application system. This system will allow uploading of the signed resolution and for electronic entry of the information necessary for the distribution and/or reservation of funds to local governments.

Educational resources including a video Webinar and PDF instructions on how to request distribution or reservation of BaRSAA funds, transfer BaRSAA funds, make corrections in WebGrants, and completing and submitting Annual Reports can be found on MDT's website under Road and Bridge. Please note that Annual Reports are due December 31st of each year for all projects still marked as underway in the Webgrants online application system. If you have not submitted annual reports for 2018, 2019 and 2020 projects still marked underway, please do so at your earliest convenience

Additional information on the BaRSAA program is available on the MDT, Montana Association of Counties, and Montana League of Cities and Towns websites.

<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/roadbridge/>

If you have any questions or to register for the training sessions, please contact Geoff Streeter at (406)444-9131 or gstreeter@mt.gov.



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